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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: A. YAMAMOTO, et al.  
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For: STORAGE CONTROLLER

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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April 26, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.